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ITALY TO ALIGN HERSELF WITH ALLIES WHEN READY

**INFORMATION FROM GOOD AUTHORITY SAYS
THAT ITALY WILL REFRAIN FROM WAR-
FARE UNTIL ALLIES ARE READY FOR GEN-
ERAL ATTACK.**

London Newspapers Explain Conflicting Reports of Dardanelles Fighting, Asserting That Turks are Framing Reports for Sole Purpose of Exerting Favorable Influence on Italy and Other Wavering Neutrals. Allies Claim Successes on Western Side of Gallipoli Peninsula, One Entire Turkish Battalion Being Captured by the Allies—Constantinople Claims Repulse of Allies, Four Brigades Being Driven into the Sea—Berlin Claims Repulse of all Attacks Against Germans, While Paris Officially Reports Progress of French and Belgians in Belgium and on Right Bank of the Yser.

London, April 29.—The British newspapers explain the conflicting reports on the Dardanelles Land operations, asserting that the Turks are framing their reports for the sole purpose of exerting a favorable influence on Italy and other wavering neutrals.

An Athens correspondent wires that there was fierce fighting Wednesday on the western side of the Gallipoli Peninsula, with success for the allies. This correspondent says that one entire Turkish battalion was captured by the allies.

Constantinople officially says that the enemy who landed near Kaba Teph were forced back along the entire front by the Turks, despite the fierce fire of the warships.

The announcement says: "Part of the enemy fled in the direction of the sea, and taking to their boats, disappeared. Those unable to escape raised a white flag and surrendered in masses. The latest reports estimate that four brigades of the allies were driven into the sea near Kaba Teph. One allied transport was sunk off Dardanelles."

Italy to Side With Allies

Rome, April 29.—On good authority information was obtained today indicating that Italy has reached an understanding with England and France on terms whereby Italy will enter war provided she eventually decides to participate.

The agreement is reported to be as follows:

First, that Italy refrain from hostilities during the trench warfare, which would enable Germany and Austria to concentrate a great army against her. Italy will time her blow simultaneously with a general effort by all the allies.

Second, an understanding concerning the territory Italy will receive.

Third, after the war, an alliance between Italy and the present triple entente.

Russians' Important Capture

Petrograd, April 29.—The Russian occupation of the village of Loubnia, northwest of Ushok Pass seriously endangers the railroad line, which the Austrians have been using for extended operations to retard the Russian advance toward the pass. The Austrians made furious efforts to recapture the village, but failed.

Von Kluck is Recovering.

Amsterdam, April 29.—General Von Kluck is recovering from last month's wound and is now able to appear in the garden of his villa.

Suspend Railway Service

Verona, Italy, April 29.—The railway service on the Austrian side of the frontier has virtually been suspended, except for carrying Austrian troops to the Italian border.

Teddy Completes Testimony

Syracuse, N. Y., April 29.—Theodore Roosevelt completed his testimony today. This was his eighth day on the stand.

WEATHER FORECAST

New Orleans, La., April 29.—The weather forecast for Oklahoma for tonight and Friday is generally fair; cooler tonight in the eastern portion.

Germans Repulse Attacks.

Berlin, April 29.—It is officially announced that all attacks against the German positions on the west bank of the Yser failed. Southwest of Verdun, the German positions advanced one hundred yards. Captured French soldiers confess that they were told by officers that Germans shot all prisoners.

Progress Against Germans.

Paris, April 29.—An official announcement says: "In Belgium, we continue to make progress in conjunction with the Belgians. On the right bank of the Yser, we took 150 prisoners and two machine guns. A Zeppelin airship, which bombarded Dunkirk eight days ago, was so seriously damaged by our shell fire that it was wrecked in the trees near Ghent."

Air Raid Made on Nancy

Nancy, France, April 28, via Paris. A German aeroplane attack was made on Nancy today. Three bombs were dropped in the center of the city. Three persons were killed and a number of others were injured seriously.

Heavy Tax on Liquor.

London, April 29.—Lloyd George announces the British plan to reduce the consumption of liquor. He proposes to the house of commons a heavy levy and a very heavy surtax on spirits and beers containing more than seven per cent of proof spirits and also that the duty on spirits will be doubled.

After American Negro

London, April 29.—The British state department announces that it has taken measures to suppress the activities of an American negro parson named Booth, who is charged with inciting a native uprising in British central Africa.

German Line Wavering.

London, April 29.—The offensive in France and Belgium has passed into the hands of the allies.

Advices from half a dozen points indicate that despite the strength of the German line, it is wavering under repeated assaults at certain points. The weight of the Belgian-French-British combined forces in northern France is being thrown against the elbow in the German line around St. Julien, which, it is believed, Sir John French has determined must be recaptured.

The Germans have not been able to do more than dig themselves into their new positions, their sappers having been unable to construct permanent entanglements. Military experts at the war office declare it will be possible to retake all of the lost territory without too enormous a loss of life.

Advices from the Belgian headquarters say that the Germans last night distributed a great quantity of their asphyxiating gas along the line held by the Belgians and attempted to advance. The Belgians lay close to the ground, each man with his nostrils stuffed with cotton, with which all troops on the front line now have been supplied, and waited. When the Germans, believing the enemy unconscious, charged in massed formation, their lines were literally cut to pieces by machine gun fire, and they finally broke and fell back in utmost disorder. Their losses are enormous. It is stated that at some places the dead piled on each other like firewood.

F-4 STILL ON BOTTOM

Work Done in Effort to Raise Craft Undone by Rough Weather.

Honolulu, April 28.—The work done in an effort to raise the submarine F-4, now lying on the ocean bottom outside the harbor has been undone by the rough weather of the last two days. Only one cable is left holding to the hulk, it was learned today. The scows used in the raising operations have been anchored to prevent their drifting out to sea. On account of weather conditions diving operations are impossible.

FLOOD AGAIN THREATENS
FT. WORTH RAILROAD YARDS

Ft. Worth, Texas, April 28.—Fort Worth is facing a serious situation today because of the new rise that has swept down the West Fork. Big gangs of men are strengthening the levees on the north side. More than fifty inches of water are pouring over the dam at the new \$1,000,000 reservoir. Railroad yards in the lowlands are endangered in the event the levees break.

POULTRY ASSO- CIATION WILL MEET TONIGHT

**YOUNG ORGANIZATION IS RAP-
IDLY GROWING AND MEMBERS
HOPE TO HAVE INCREASED
MEMBERSHIP.**

The local poultry fanciers will meet tonight at the Chamber of commerce rooms for the purpose of discussing matters of importance to the organization. Since its organization the association has developed interest until its membership has grown rapidly within the past few weeks.

The president stated this morning that he was glad that Agent Scott had taken an active interest in a free county fair under the provisions of the recent bill passed by the legislature and that every member of the association will be with him in the movement and assist in every manner possible to bring this about.

An effort is already on foot to secure the next annual meeting of the State Poultry Growers' association for this city. This can be more easily accomplished where the county has a live fair association such as is contemplated for Carter county.

Makes Bond—Fractures Skull.

Port Smith, Ark., April 28.—As he was leaving the United States commissioner's office here Wednesday after he had given bond for his appearance to answer to a charge of white slavery, C. M. Smith, a wealthy citizen of Poteau, Okla., fell into a faint in the corridor of the government building and falling to the stone floor, sustained an injury to his skull that may prove fatal. It is feared his skull was fractured. Smith was arrested as a result of a statement made Tuesday night by Miss Nettie Free of Wister, Okla. Miss Free could not be found Wednesday.

Italian Dancer Kills Self.

Portland, Ore., April 28.—Ida Bonnell, ballet dancer of Milan, Italy, known in private life as Mrs. Mario Lambardi, widow of the grand opera impresario, died here Wednesday from the effects of poison taken last Thursday after she learned her husband had dropped dead from apoplexy.

SOME EXPERT ADVICE

This little editorial from the Fourth Estate tells its own story: "An advertisement above all must say something, and if it says something and is put in the proper place, it will bring returns. This is asserted by Nathaniel C. Fowler, Jr."

"Newspapers are the standard media for advertising," says Mr. Fowler. "They are the most effective, economical and profitable, and I make this statement unqualifiedly after an experience of thirty consecutive years. Tell your story and tell it simply. Simplicity is art understood by the ignorant and appreciated by the intelligent."

THOUSANDS PLEAD MERCY FOR LEO FRANK

**FIFTEEN THOUSAND LETTERS
RECEIVED BY GOVERNOR OF
GEORGIA, ASKING COMMUTA-
TION OF DEATH SENTENCE.**

Atlanta, Ga., April 28.—More than fifteen thousand letters dealing with the Leo M. Frank case have been received by Governor Slaton within the last few weeks, according to information given out here Wednesday by attaches of the governor's office. With very few exceptions the writers urged the governor to commute Frank's sentence on the charge of having murdered Mary Phagan, from death to life imprisonment.

The letters are being tied in bundles and stacked away pending consideration by the state prison commission and the governor of Frank's application for commutation of sentence. Members of the prison commission stated they have received about two hundred letters urging clemency for Frank and that several hundred writers have addressed pleas to Governor-elect Harris at Macon in view of the probability that Governor Slaton may not be able to act upon Frank's appeal before his term expires June 1, next.

Members of the prison commission said Wednesday that no date had been set for the hearing on Frank's application for commutation of sentence and that none will be set until after the mandate of the United States supreme court denying Frank's appeal in habeas corpus proceedings has been filed in the federal district court here. According to the commission it will not be possible to give a hearing on Frank's plea before the first Monday in June.

It is expected the supreme court's mandate will be issued May 9.

PROFESSION- AL GOLFER IS HERE TODAY

**G. A. CROOKS, OF THE McALESTER COUNTRY CLUB, WILL
GIVE A FEW LESSONS AT THE
DORNIC HILL CLUB.**

G. A. Crooks, professional golfer, of the McAlester Country club, is in the city today, and will play a few games and give instructions at the Dornick Hill Country club this afternoon.

Mr. Crooks, who has had charge of some of the greatest clubs in the middle west, states that he is absolutely surprised at the local course. He states that for variety we have anything of the kind beaten to a frazzle in the southwest.

Mr. Crooks will be compelled to return to McAlester tomorrow, but he has arranged to return and spend several days here in the near future. No doubt many will take advantage of his presence this afternoon, and will be found at the club watching the play. Governor Crooks, of course, will be there, and may try conclusions with the professional.

MAKE SHELLS FOR KITCHENER.

Hundred Members of Glasgow Officers' Training Corps Volunteer

Glasgow, Scotland, April 28.—One hundred members of the Glasgow officers' training corps will begin today a self-imposed task of making shells in response to the appeal from Earl Kitchener for unlimited ammunition. These volunteers belong to the best families of Glasgow and most of them will go to the shell factory in their own automobiles. They have undertaken to work six-hour shifts after a preliminary course of training.

CRICKETS DESTROY SIX
HUNDRED ACRES OF WHEAT

Spokane, Wash., April 28.—Six hundred acres of wheat have been destroyed by crickets in Grant county, according to a report made today by C. W. Creel, federal cereal and forest inspector. Millions of insects have invaded the district and miles of trenches have been plowed to hold the crickets in check. Governor Lister has been appealed to to aid in the fight of the pests.

NEW POLICE TAKE OFFICE SATURDAY

**CHIEF BOOKER AND HIS MEN
WILL VACATE AND THEIR PLACES
WILL BE TAKEN BY NEW
FORCE.**

Tomorrow the newly elected and appointed police officers who will serve the city for the next two years will file their bonds and report for duty at the police station Saturday morning.

Chief Booker states that in retiring he has no regrets and no apologies to make, and hopes his successor will succeed in pleasing the citizens who elected him to office. Mr. Booker has been an officer all his life, and is capable and efficient, and did his duty as he saw it, regardless of criticism or factional differences.

Chief Hutchins stated this morning that he had been elected as chief of police with the distinct understanding that all the laws must be respected and obeyed, and that he is going to enforce every letter of the law, as far as lay in his power. He has surrounded himself with good men, and every one is alert to the commands of their chief.

Chief Booker has had the books of his office checked over and are ready for his successor when he takes charge.

Gainesville Gas Break Repaired.

Gainesville, Tex., April 28.—The gas main which supplies this city with natural gas, and which blew out when Elm Creek was up last night has been repaired. The creek has almost reached normal level and no further danger is expected. Katy railroad traffic west of here has been considerably delayed on account of washouts near Bonita.

Four Drowned in Texas.

Naples Tex., April 28.—The washout that occurred here yesterday on Sulphur river is much larger this morning and water is still rising. All train service on the main line has been suspended and many passengers are marooned here.

Three negroes and a white man, M. W. Madden, have been drowned. Madden was trying to assist the negroes to escape when he went under.

Ghastly Crime in Chicago.

Chicago, Ill., April 28.—Three men attacked Joseph de Francisco, beat his head to a veritable pulp and then almost severed his head from the body with a razor today as he was escorting his wife, a nurse, to a sanitarium. The woman, motionless with horror, was unable to call for help, until the three murderers had fled.

An hour after the crime the police arrested two men not far from the scene of the murder, in the heart of Chicago's "Little Italy." Both wore bloodstained clothes, but vehemently protested ignorance of the crime.

CONFESSES HIS GUILT TO GOD AND WORLD

**DRAMATIC CLIMAX OF TRIAL OF
A RICH SUSPECT — ACCUSED
OF HIGHWAY ROBBERY —
CONFESSES.**

New York, April 28.—Philip T. White, the \$6,000 a year manager of the Masury Paint company in Brooklyn, on trial as the leader of a band of highwaymen, who held up his employers' bank messengers and robbed them of \$3,000 nearly a year ago, rose from his chair in the court room today, raised both arms toward Supreme Court Justice Aspinall on the bench, and exclaimed:

"Stop! I am guilty. I want to confess my guilt before God and the world."

A court room scene seldom equalled in the annals of New York jurisprudence ensued.

White, trembling with emotion, turned to the jury.

"I am guilty," he repeated. "I have lived two lives—a decent one and that of a highwayman. I hope God may forgive and I may live long enough to make restitution."

He wrenched from his coat lapel a gold button, insignia of his membership in a fraternal order.

"I am no longer worthy to remain a Shriner," he cried.

White continued his impassioned avowal. He freely confessed the details of the crime, but asked no clemency and gave no motive. When he sat down beside his long time friend James F. Cunniff, auditor for the Hackett and Wilhelms company in Brooklyn, who also was on trial on the same charge, Cunniff rose:

"I wish to plead guilty too," he said, and sat down.

The trial which has been in progress in the supreme court in Brooklyn for several days, was halted, the jury dismissed and the court accepted the two pleas of guilty. Sentence was postponed a week.

The actual robbery was committed by two men under White's orders. The four afterwards divided the money, White getting \$900. This was testified to yesterday by Robert S. Roberts, the man who actually took the money from the messengers' hands.

White lived in a handsome home at Elizabeth, N. J. When he first was arrested after months of investigation by detectives his employers were astounded, refused to believe him guilty, and assisted him to obtain bail.

AUTHOR VISITS ARDMORE

**J. B. Thoburn Has Undertaken the
Task of Writing Oklahoma History**

Prof. J. B. Thoburn of the department of history of the state university, is an Ardmore visitor today and is spending the time with his former student, Prof. Leonard Logan of the Ardmore high school. Prof. Thoburn has undertaken the task of compiling a history of Oklahoma. He is the author of a brief school history which was adopted by the state board of education. That work was turned out within five months from the time it was begun and it has never satisfied the author so another history has been undertaken. The second work will be more complete, and will also be more accurate.

Prof. Thoburn states that Indian Territory has many things that will be of absorbing interest to students. The political administrations of the Indians, the old forts and trading posts furnish subjects for many chapters that will be of interest to the student of local history.

Special Police Badges.

Assistant Chief of Police George Tucker stated today that it was the request of the office of chief of police that all special police badges be returned to that office not later than four o'clock Friday afternoon. All persons holding them will please comply with the request.